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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

RE. Conditional Approval of the "Floodplain Residential and Non-Residential Properties Adjacent to 1 1/2 mile Reach of the Housatonic River Work Plan - Phase 1, Group 1A and 1B Properties" (dated January 2002) and the subsequent Addendum (dated July 22, 2002) for the GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the pre-design investigation activities for the Phase 1, Group 1A and 1B, properties in the above referenced documents. The Pre-design Investigation Work Plan and its Addendum are subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000 and the accompanying "Statement of Work (SOW) for Removal Actions Outside the River."

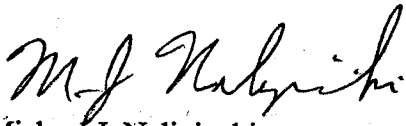
The Pre-design Investigation Work Plan, as modified by the EPA's conditional approval of that plan (dated July 8, 2002) and General Electric's (GE) Addendum (dated July 22, 2002) describe the scope of the initial pre-design investigations for the Phase 1, Group 1A and 1B properties. The scope of the pre-design investigations for subsequent phases and additional modifications/proposals for Phase 2, Phase 3, and Phase 4 properties will be addressed in future Work Plan Addendum which EPA will review and approve at future dates. The timing of these future submittals is planned to be at least 10 months prior to the initiation of the EPA's removal activities in that particular section of the 1 1/2 mile reach of the Housatonic. These schedules may require adjustment depending on the progress of the in-river removal actions. GE shall initiate and complete field activities in specific areas within Phase 1, Group 1A and 1B properties which will be affected by the 1 1/2 mile removal activities as soon as practicable. GE shall coordinate field sampling activities with EPA's 1 1/2 mile preparations as to minimized interferences by each set of activities with the other.

The EPA reserves its rights to perform additional sampling in the areas subject to the Work Plan and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

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If you have any questions, or require clarification of any aspects of this letter, please contact me at (617) 918-1268.

Sincerely,



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